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The Health Department is offering vaccines for MCV4 (Meningitis) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) at their free immunization clinics on **July 5 from 8am-3pm, and July 12 from 9am-3pm**. The clinics will be held at the Health Department building on **8930 Stafford Blvd** in Columbia in the Severn Room. For more information, click [here](#).



Summer @ Your Library

The Howard County Library System is hosting its Summer @ Your Library program for children and teens. Read and participate in fun activities to unlock prizes and virtual badges. For more information, click [here](#) or visit any HCLS branch.

The Great American Food Truck Festival

Attention All Food Lovers...The Great American Food Truck Festival that was originally scheduled for **tomorrow, July 1 from 12-8pm** at the Howard County Fairgrounds has been rescheduled! Come out on **Sunday, October 8 from 12-5pm** to the **Howard County Fairgrounds**, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794, to enjoy the 2nd Annual Great American Food Truck Festival. Attendees will enjoy delicious food trucks, state of the art farmers market, shopping vendors and much more! Admission is completely FREE to the public. Parking: \$5.00 per vehicle upon arrival. For more information, click [here](#).



Open Enrollment for the Howard County MIHU Program

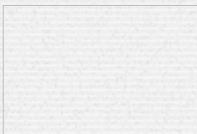
The July open enrollment period for the Moderate Income Housing Unit Program (MIHU) begins on **Monday, July 3, 2017**. Howard County Housing will be accepting applications for the July open enrollment period for the County's Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) program through **5pm on Monday, July 31st**. The MIHU program is an inclusionary zoning program that requires developers of new housing in certain zoning districts to sell or rent a percentage of the new dwelling units to households of moderate income. The program offers quality new homes at reduced sale prices and rents to income eligible individuals and families. For more information, or to register for the workshop, contact Howard County MIHU Division at **410-313-6318**. Visit Housing's MIHU [website](#) for more details.

Howard County Government closings for Independence Day holiday on July 4



Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, 50+ centers and landfill will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday on **Tuesday, July 4**. As there will be no trash, recycling, yard trim or food scrap pick-up on Independence Day, the County's holiday "[slide](#)" schedule will be in effect. Cedar Lane and Schooley Mill Activity Rooms, the Gary J. Arthur and North Laurel Community Centers, county historic sites, Kiwanis-Wallas Hall, Meadowbrook Athletic Center and Robinson Nature Center will be closed on Independence Day. County parks and the Roger Carter Community Center will however be open. The Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) will operate on a "Sunday" schedule. For more information on RTA, call 1-800-270-9553 or visit www.transitrt.com. Parking enforcement will not be in effect for Main Street, Ellicott City, on Independence Day.

The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1; for non-emergencies, please call **410-313-2200**. County offices will re-open at regular business hours on **Wednesday, July 5**.



Paint It! Ellicott City 2017

Be a part of the Paint It! Ellicott City Open Paint-Out. Set up an easel and enjoy painting alongside our juried artists **July 7-July 9** in Historic Ellicott City. For a small registration fee, you can also participate in the community exhibition and display your work during our opening reception at the HCCA, **July 10, 2017 from 6-8pm**, and later at the Howard County Welcome Center. For more details visit the [event](#) page or call **410-313-ARTS (2787)**.

Free Pool Parties for Middle and High School Students

If you're a middle or high school student, join the fun with CA and attend one of their free pool parties this July. Each pool party will be at **Locust Park Pool**, 8995 Lambskin Ln, Columbia, MD 21045, in the village of Long Reach, and will include a diving and swimming contest, raffles, music, snacks, and more. The middle school pool party will be on **Friday, July 7 from 7-10pm**, with registration closing on **Thursday, July 6 at 5pm** and the high school pool party will be on **Friday, July 14 from 7-10pm**, with registration closing on **Thursday, July 13 at 5pm**. To register, call **410-992-3726**. For more information click [here](#).

1st Alarm Girls Fire Camp

The St. Florian's Brigade of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will hold a two-day camp for young women who are interested in learning more about the fire service and what it takes to become a firefighter. This fun and exciting weekend will focus on learning about what it takes to be a firefighter, team building, a burn demo, CPR training, and much more! 1st Alarm Girls Fire Camp will take place at the **Howard County Fire and Rescue Public Safety Training Center (PSTC)**, located at 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr. Marriottsville, MD 21104. For more information click [here](#).

Dates and hours for the camp are as follows:

First Camp - **July 8-9, 2017**; Ages 8-11

Second Camp - **July 29-30**; Ages 12-16

Fill out an application [here](#) and submit completed ones to fd3224@howardcountymd.gov.

HowGirlsCode Mind, Body, and Coding Camp

What could be better than learning how to code while nurturing your well-being through yoga, meditation, and self-empowerment exercises? HowGirlsCode is partnering with UMBC and the National Security Agency to host a Mind, Body, and Coding camp for girls in grades three to six. The camp will teach girls programming, robotics, yoga, and more. The camp will run from **July 10-21**. For more information or to register, visit this [website](#).

Sunset Serenades

On Wednesday evenings through **August 23** at **Centennial Park South**, 10000 Route 108, Ellicott City, enjoy this free popular summer concert series. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, a picnic supper, rent a canoe or paddleboat and enjoy music in the park. Refreshments will be available for sale, and at all Sunset Serenades concerts the Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc. will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Howard County Food Bank. The following groups are scheduled to appear:

- **July 12 @ 7pm:** The Scotch bonnets / Punky Reggae
 - <http://thescotchbonnets.com>
- **July 19 @ 7pm:** Jenee & Black Butterfly / R&B
 - <http://www.facebook.com/jmbevett>
- **August 2 @ 7pm:** Groove Quest / 60's Band
 - <http://www.groovequestproject.com>
- **August 9 @ 7pm:** Gaelic Mishap / Celtic Rock
 - <http://www.gaelicmishap.com>

For more information, go [online](#).

Explore Columbia on Foot

Columbia Association's (CA) series of outdoor walks returns in 2017 with walks exploring the lakes, streams, woodlands and wildlife of Columbia.



- **Thursday, July 13, Long Reach** - meet at Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center (6030 Tamar Drive)
- **Thursday, Aug. 31, Kings Contrivance** - meet at Huntington Pool (7625 Murray Hill Road)
- **Thursday, Sept. 14, Harper's Choice** - meet at Hobbits Glen Pool (11130 Willow Bottom Drive)
- **Thursday, Oct. 12, Downtown Columbia** - meet at Lakefront Plaza (10275 Little Patuxent Parkway)
- **Thursday, Oct. 26, Hickory Ridge** - meet at Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring)

Most walks will begin at **10am**; the walk at The Mall in Columbia begins at **8:30am**. Registration is not required. For more information, click [here](#).

Ms. Biz Mornings

Ms. Biz Mornings is a FREE networking group for women in business hosted the 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning of every month (8:30am-10am). Events are held at a different local business each month. For more information, click [here](#). 2017 schedule is as follows:



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| July 18 | 9030 Red Branch Rd., #150, Columbia |
| August 1 | Nest, 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville 21029 |
| August 15 | 9030 Red Branch Rd., #150, Columbia |

CA Extreme Youth and Teens Summer Program

Have you always wanted to go to Hershey Park? How about Ocean City? Now you can through the CA's Extreme Youth and Teens summer excursions program. If you are a student between the ages of 9-18, you can join them on any of their eight summer day trips, happening from **July 18-August 10**. The registration for the program closes on **July 3**. For more information click [here](#).

This year's itinerary includes:

Tuesday, July 18 - Ocean City, MD
Thursday, July 20 - Crofton Go-Karts Raceway and a movie
Tuesday, July 25 - Kings Dominion
Thursday, July 27 - Washington D.C.

Tuesday, August 1 - Hershey Park
Thursday, August 3 - Cunningham Falls State Park
Tuesday, August 8 - SkyZone Trampoline Park and Howard County Fair
Thursday, August 10 - Cascade Lake

For more information, call **410-992-3726**,

CPR Training: Get Trained in CPR

The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will be offering Hands-Only CPR training at no cost.

Dates:

July 19th: 6pm - 8pm at Gateway

August 9th: 6pm - 8 pm at PSTC

August 23rd: 6pm - 8pm at Gateway

September 21st: 6pm - 8pm. at Gateway

Locations:

Gateway = **HCDFRS Headquarters**, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046

PSTC = **Public Safety Training Center**, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Visit their [website](#) to sign up.

Collision Avoidance Training

Our Howard County Police Department will be conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) classes throughout 2017. This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. Driving skills addressed include: evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more. Students must operate their own vehicle and successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver to receive a certificate of completion. Sessions are: **July 22, August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16**. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Howard County Restaurant Weeks

Food, Farms, and Fun! Mark your calendars for the event of the summer - Restaurant Weeks runs **July 24-August 7, 2017**. Enjoy local flavors and creative recipes from your favorite Howard County restaurants and farms. Restaurants will be serving up samples of their Farm-2-Table menus and farmers will have fresh-from-the-field produce for purchase along with meats, cheeses and more! For more information click [here](#).



Howard County Film Festival

This year the "Feastival" will feature the film "Forgotten Farms" about the challenges faced by the Dairy industry and will be held on **Tuesday, July 25 4:30-8:30 PM** at Clarks Elloak farm. "Forgotten Farms" is the real-life story of New England Dairy Farms that talk about the challenges they face with today's dairy industry. These same challenges are what our Howard County family owned dairies face every day and the struggle they face to continue operating a family farm. In between the two showings there will be a panel discussion of the film. The event will also feature local farmers, restaurants, and music, with the new addition of artisans and food trucks for this year's event.

Please note, there is a \$5 charge to watch the movie. All money raised will go towards the Farm City Scholarship Fund. To register click [here](#).

Merriweather Movies

Come out to Merriweather Post Pavilion, Enjoy Merriweather Movie Nights this summer featuring food and beverages from Manor Hill Brewing and Manor Hill Tavern. Tickets are free for general admission or \$10 if you want to reserve a seat and get access to the new VIP party deck.



- **July 26** - Moana
- **August 30** - School of Rock

Doors open at **5:30pm** and showtime is at **7:30pm**. For tickets and more information, click [here](#) to visit the website.

2017 Farmers Market Season

There are no excuses not to eat fresh, especially when Howard County offers farmers markets four days a week throughout the county in the following six convenient locations! Swing by and pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and more! (Find more details [online](#).)

Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City
Hours: Wednesdays 2pm-6pm
Open through: **November 15**

East Columbia Branch Library

6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
Hours: Thursdays 2pm-6pm
Open through: **October 26**

Clarksville Commons

Route 108, Clarksville
Hours: Thursdays 3pm-7pm
Open through: **September 28**

Maple Lawn Farmers Market

8191 Westside Blvd, Fulton
Hours: Saturdays 9am-1pm
Open through: **November 5**

Ellicott City Old Town Market

Wine Bin Parking Lot, Historic Ellicott City
Hours: Saturdays 9am-1pm
Open through: **October 28**

Oakland Mills Village Center

5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia
Hours: Sundays 9am-1pm
Open through: **November 19**

Roving Radish - HoCo Fresh, Meals to Go

The Roving Radish has returned and the 2017 season is already in full swing. Promoting local farms and healthy eating, the Roving Radish program buys regionally grown food straight from the farm and prepares meal kits that are easy to cook. To learn more about the Roving Radish or place an order, call **(410) 992-2049** or visit their [website](#).



Cul De Sac and Street Beautification Grants

The Long Reach and Oakland Mills Community Association are pleased to announce that funds are now available for street beautification on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Long Reach Community Association could provide funds up to \$200 for approved plans for the purchase of plant materials. You must live on a county-dedicated road with a cul-de-sac island and you and your neighbors must agree to develop, plant, and maintain the landscaping plan. Application packets are available at Stonehouse or call **410-730-8113** for more details.

Oakland Mills Community Association offers grants of up to \$75 for up to 10 streets. There are also Block Party reimbursement funds of \$25 for up to 16 streets. Funds are reserved in a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve funds, contact **Sandy Cederbaum** at manager@oaklandmills.org or **410-730-4610**.

Lakefront Happenings

Summer Concerts - Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday through Sunday in June-September. Sunday concerts begin at **6:30pm** through August, **3pm** in September and all other concerts begin at **7:30pm** and end by **9:30pm**.

Movies - Mondays & Fridays from **June 26-August 28**, then **Fridays** and **Saturdays** from **September 1-9**. Movies begin at dusk (about **8:30pm**). All films are rated (G), (PG), or (PG13) as noted and are co-sponsored by the Columbia Film Society.

Dancin' Under the People Tree - Every **Friday, June 30-September 8**, free dance instruction with music will be held under the People Tree at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront from **6:30-8pm**. When the dance session ends, the movie begins!

Teen Open Mic Nights - **Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25** and **August 1**. Here's your chance to perform at the Lakefront! Sign-up starts at **6:45pm**, first come, first served. Sorry, no bands with drum sets. For more details, email CALakefrontFestival@gmail.com.



HCPSS Summer Food Service

From **June 26-August 4, Monday-Friday**, 4 locations will be providing free summer meals for kids and teens open to all children 18 years old and younger:

Harpers Choice MS, 5450 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044: **11:30am-1pm**

Murray Hill MS, 9989 Winter Sun Rd, Laurel, MD 20723: **11:30am-1pm**

Thomas Viaduct MS, 7000 Banbury Dr, Hanover, MD 21076: **11:30am-1pm**

Stevens Forest ES, 6045 Stevens Forest Rd, Columbia, MD 21045: **12:30-2pm**

For more details and eligibility, click [here](#) or call **410-313-6743**.

Arts and Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

Register now for our Visual and Performing Arts or Parks and Recreation Summer Camps! Visual and Performing Arts camps run from **June 26-August 18** and are open to students entering grades K-7. For complete details or to register visit their [website](#). Parks and Recreation camps are throughout the summer.

Little Free Libraries

The Village of Long Reach will be installing a Little Free Library at the following neighborhood centers: Jeffers Hill, Locust Park, and Phelps Luck. A Little Free Library is a "take one, return one" free book exchange, encouraging the joy of reading in adults and children alike. Anyone can take a book or share a book.

The Village is also looking for new or gently used books to stock the library with. If you would like to donate any books, please drop them off at **Stonehouse**. For more information, contact the village office at **410-730-8113**. Click [here](#) to learn more about Little Free Libraries.

P.L.E.D.G.E. Summer Leadership Camps

P.L.E.D.G.E. (pride, leadership, education, diversity, gang resistance, evaluation) Summer Leadership Camp is a free, one-week program designed to help students entering the ninth grade develop leadership skills.

2017 Summer Leadership Camps:

July 31- August 4 (Enrollment open through **July 3**)

To view the brochure, click [here](#).

To view the registration packet, click [here](#).

National Night Out

The Howard County Police Department is joining up with the National Town Watch Association to sponsor the 34th Annual Night Out event on **Tuesday, August 1st**. Residents are invited to join the thousands of other communities across America in supporting this crime prevention effort by turning on outside lights and spending time at neighborhood events and block parties. Click [here](#) for more information.



HopeWorks

Pantry Needs:

Help restock the HopeWorks pantry! Items needed include: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, ethnic hair products, baby wipes, rice, cereal, breakfast bars, soups, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene pads, crackers, granola bars and juice boxes. To donate, call **(410) 997-0304** or email volunteer@wearehopeworks.org. For information and updates, go [online](#).



HCC Happenings

Kids on Campus Summer 2017 Classes June 21 - August 18

Make your children's summer break fun, productive and convenient with summer enrichment classes at HCC. [Registration](#) is now open.

SAT, ACT & Other Test Preparation

HCC offers the opportunity for High school students to prepare at HCC for SAT, ACT, and other standardized testing. Click [here](#) for details.

Job Fair

Students and community members are invited to attend the HCC Job Fair on **October 27 from 10am-1pm** in the Burrill Galleria of the Clark Library Building. There is no admission cost for attending. By participating, you will have the opportunity to connect with companies about jobs and career opportunities within their organizations.

For employers: The Fall 2017 Job Fair will be open for registration in late **August 2017**. If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, to receive an invitation, please email jobfair@howardcc.edu and provide your name, phone number, and company name.

5K Challenge Run

Commit to creating a healthy community by participating in the HCC 5k Challenge Race on **October 29 at 8am!** Experience HCC's beautiful campus and unique race course as your organization competes for prestigious "Challenge" awards and join teammates and participants in the Celebration Village to learn more about HCC, its partners, and programs! For more information click [here](#).



In Need of Crisis Intervention?

Grassroots is a private, non-profit agency that empowers people in crisis to make positive changes by offering professional 24-hour crisis intervention, shelter & outreach services. They provide programs & services including 24-hour crisis intervention hotline, Maryland Crisis Hotline, Walk-in Counseling, Mobile Crisis Team, Suicide Prevention, outreach and education, a 33-bed Family Shelter, an 18-bed Men's Shelter, a Motel Shelter, Cold Weather Shelter & Day Resource Center. The Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. is located at **6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044**. For more information, please call **410-531-6006** or visit the Grassroots [website](#). The 24-hour line is **410-531-6677** and the MD Crisis Hotline is **1-800-422-0009**.

Columbia Turns 50

2017 represents a significant milestone in Howard County. Columbia turns 50. The community is joining together in celebration "Appreciate the Past and Imagine the Future." Festivities will continue through **September**. For information about upcoming events click [here](#)!



Metropolitan Washington Ear: A Free News/Information Service for the Visually Impaired

Metropolitan Washington Ear provides free news and information services for blind, visually-impaired and physically disabled residents with goals to strive to *substitute hearing for seeing*, improving the lives of people with little or no vision by enabling them to be well-informed, fully-productive members of their families, their communities and the working world. Free services that the Metropolitan Washington Ear include:

- **24/7 radio broadcast** using radios pre-tuned to our station and a subcarrier channel from WETA-FM.
- **24/7 telephone dial-in news and information** service accessed by using a touch-tone telephone that allows the caller to skip and scan newspapers, magazines, and other information just as a sighted person does when reading a publication.
- **Audio-Description** of live stage performances in eight theaters in the DC metropolitan area, as well as designated performances for the Washington Revels, the Hexagon revue and others as requested.
- **Symphony Notes** for the National Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore.
- Personal **look-up service** every evening.
- **Natural Voices** rather than computer-generated voices for easier listening.

For more information go [online](#), contact **301-681-6636** or information@washear.org.

Grasscycle

Cutting the grass is a part of everyone's summer chores, but here are some tips on how to save time, energy and the environment!

Try GrassCycling - leaving the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally. Grasscycling is a gentle way to release nitrogen gradually on your lawn. It also saves you from bagging and dragging your grass clippings to the curb for pickup.

Scam ALERT

Charitable Foundations

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection is warning residents to use caution and common sense when dealing with solicitors who claim to represent firefighter associations or others seeking donations to aid people who have been affected by fire or natural disaster. It is important to take the time to check where your generosity is going regardless of the cause.

Utilities Calls

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Howard County Office of Consumer Protection are warning residents to use caution when dealing with callers claiming to be a representative with the consumer's local gas or electric utility company, stating that immediate payment, often by prepaid debit cards, credit cards or gift cards, is due to ensure the consumer's heating service is not disconnected.

The Office of Consumer Affairs also advises:

- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers, Let them go to voicemail.
- No legitimate business will demand payment via gift cards, prepaid debit cards or wire transfer.
- If you are not sure if a caller is legitimate, hang up, look up the company's phone number independently, and use that number to verify the call with the company.
- If you get a recorded message asking you to hit a phone key to stop getting calls, just hang up. Scammers often use this trick to identify, and then target, live respondents.

- Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service that allows subscribers to block unwanted calls. If not, encourage your provider to start offering a blocking service. Visit the FCC's website for more information and resources on available blocking tools at www.fcc.gov/unwanted-calls.
- Residents who have lost money or feel their personal safety is at risk due to a scam should contact the Howard County Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 410-313-2200 to file a report.

Beware of 'CAN YOU HEAR ME' SCAMS

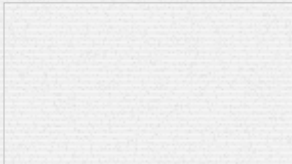
The Federal Communications Commission is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for scam callers seeking to get victims to say the word "yes" during a call and later use a recording of the response to authorize unwanted charges on the victim's utility or credit card account. According to complaints received, fraudulent callers impersonate representatives from organizations that provide a service and may be familiar to the person receiving the call, such as a mortgage lender or utility, to establish a legitimate reason for trying to reach the consumer.

Generally, the scam begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, "Can you hear me?" The caller then records the consumer's "Yes" response and thus obtains a voice signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone.

If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements (bank, credit card lender, telephone, etc.) for unauthorized charges. Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this scam should immediately report the incident to the Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker and to the FCC Consumer Help Center. Here are some helpful tips to avoid scams and ward off unwanted calls:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail.
- If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to hit a button to stop receiving calls, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify, and then target, live respondents.
- If you receive a scam call, write down the number and file a complaint with the FCC so we can help identify and take appropriate action to help consumers targeted by illegal callers.
- Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service. If not, encourage your provider to offer one. You can also visit the FCC's website for information and resources on available robocall blocking tools to help reduce unwanted calls.
- Consider registering all of your telephone numbers in the National Do Not Call Registry.

50+ Expo



The Office of Aging and Independence is hosting its annual 50+ Expo on **October 20 from 9am to 4pm** at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia. The Expo will feature vendors and exhibitors that cater to older adults, families, caregivers, and care providers. For more information, click [here](#).

2017 Howie Award Nominations

Know an exceptional individual or business who has made contributions to the arts in Howard County? Nominate them for the yearly Howie Award, which is given by the Arts Council to those who deserve recognition for their contribution to arts in these three categories: Outstanding Artist, Outstanding Arts Educator, and Outstanding Business or Community Supporter. Nominations for the 2017 Howie Awards must be received by **October 30, 2017**. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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